

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 22, 2007

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, June 22, 2007 at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. President Dillinger called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and declared a quorum present of Christine Altman and Steven C. Dillinger. Commissioner Steven A. Holt arrived at 7:40 a.m.

Insurance of Major Bridges

Dillinger stated the insurance committee is looking at insuring major bridges and asked Davis to forward the list of bridges to Doug Walker or Bob Fearrin. Mr. Brad Davis stated if there was an earthquake there would be FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) funds available for reimbursement.

2008 Highway Budget

Davis reviewed the proposed 2008 highway department budget. He is still working on the MVH (Motor Vehicle Highway) which includes salaries. They will be within the pool guidelines, the 2000 and 3000 series will be the same or less than the 2007 budget.

Davis reviewed the 2008 Contract Resurface Program, the Chip and Seal Program, and the In-House Resurface Program. Davis stated they are requesting some small structures be done under the Cumulative Capital fund and the rest under COIT funding for a total of \$1.5 million on small structures. Five (5) bridges are identified for construction in 2008. Dillinger asked if the bridge over Stony Creek by the new shopping center is on the list? Holt stated it is supposed to be turned into a pedestrian bridge. Altman and Holt believe Noblesville is building a new bridge to replace it. Davis stated Noblesville has not contacted the highway department on this bridge.

Major Bridge Fund

Dillinger stated Noblesville is interested in building a bridge over Olio Road; Mayor Ditslear will be writing a letter to the county telling us how much money they have to put towards this bridge. Altman and Holt believe Noblesville is funding the construction of this bridge. Mr. Joel Thurman stated they are still working on the roundabout on Olio Road and at this point believe it would function well.

Holt asked what the time line is for the Olio Road Bridge over Geist Reservoir? Mr. Matt Knight stated it should be completed in November 2007.

Holt asked if anyone knows what the proposed location is for the airport in Madison County? Altman stated the first choice is the Pendleton interchange but the location keeps moving. Holt stated he is concerned on how will it impact the county. Davis stated he does not think it will impact the county very much.

Holt asked if there has been anymore thought on a consulting firm for the bridge over White River in southern Noblesville. Davis stated they are requesting \$50,000 for a White River Bridge Study in the 2008 budget. The consensus of the current study is Pleasant Street. Holt stated with Riverview buying the Kahlo property could we look at the old Midland Crossing? Thurman stated the study that focused on Pleasant Street utilized the Midland area. The bridge study will include 126th Street north to SR 32. Dillinger stated Noblesville has stated they have no money for that bridge. Dillinger stated he has asked Fishers to poll their town council on a bridge at 126th Street and Allisonville Road. Dillinger stated personally he thinks we need to look at bonding two or three bridges. Traffic is getting worse and we need to look at more ways to cross White River.

Holt asked if there has been movement on the pedestrian walkway on the 236th Street bridge in Cicero? Davis stated no. Holt stated Cicero is concerned because they were not in the loop on the county thoroughfare plan in terms of a walkway across the causeway. Davis stated Cicero had applied for Transportation Funds and did not receive them. We have offered to help them anyway we could. Davis stated this is our bridge; Cicero took the lead for the walkway and made the application for funding. Holt asked if it is our responsibility? Altman stated she does not have a problem supporting multi-modal but it should be countywide. Every bridge will have this issue.

Davis asked if the commissioners want the Olio Road Bridge included in the Major Bridge Fund request for 2008? Altman stated it makes sense to budget it. Davis stated the first thing to do is get an agreement with the Indiana Department of Transportation to build the bridge. Consensus was to add the Olio Road Bridge to the Major Bridge funding request.

Thurman requested clarification of what is expected of the White River Bridge study? Holt stated he is intrigued with SR 19 and Riverview Hospital, Carbon Street may be a possibility, and crossing further south across the Beaver land. Thurman will bring aerial photographs of the area to Monday’s meeting.

COIT Funding

Davis reviewed the 2008 Proposed COIT funding projects. The total preservation/maintenance items are \$3.6 million. Commissioner’s consensus is to request numbers 1-19 from the highway’s proposed COIT list in the amount of \$16,759,955.

Thurman stated they will be meeting with the highway council committee next week to discuss the budget. They are going to offer the Council a field trip to the 146th Street extension project, Commissioners may attend if they wish.

Driving Tour of 2008 Highway Projects

Fred Swift will coordinate a driving tour and box dinner of the proposed 2008 highway projects for the Commissioners and County Council on August 1.

Altman motioned to adjourn. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Present

- Christine Altman
- Steven C. Dillinger
- Steven A. Holt
- Dawn Coverdale, Chief Deputy Auditor
- Bradley Davis, Highway Director
- Joel Thurman, Interim Highway Engineer
- Matt Knight, Highway Bridge Engineer
- Fred Swift, Administrative Assistant to Commissioners
- Kim Rauch, Administrative Assistant to Auditor

APPROVED
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST

Robin M. Mills, Auditor

